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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: International Intelligence Conferences (U)

Reference: USIB-D-10.8/3, 4 April 1967

1. (S) In July of this year the Soviets displayed a variety of new aircraft for the first time. With the display of these new aircraft, the intelligence community is confronted with many problems concerning evaluation of capabilities, determination of missions, and association of available evidence with these new aircraft. The task is of considerable magnitude and will require some time to complete the analysis and assure that all available data has been incorporated into the evaluations. The displayed aircraft are being analyzed in accordance with a priority system with the new combat aircraft in operational use, or nearing operational use receiving first attention. Under the present program the evaluation of most of the fighters displayed will have been completed by December 1967. Some work such as photographic interpretation and subsystems analysis on all the new combat aircraft will have been accomplished by that time, but it is unlikely that all performance calculations for the transports, helicopters and trainer will be completed.

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DIA 25X1 2. (S) Subsequent to the large display of Soviet aircraft, informal discussions [REDACTED] have indicated that it would be mutually beneficial to convene [REDACTED] Aircraft Technical Conference in January 1968. [REDACTED] beginning 8 January 1968 and lasting for a period of from five to eight days.

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3. (S) The proposed primary areas of discussion for the conference are the new fighters of the Soviet Union. Limited discussion of various transport parameters will be included to the extent analysis has progressed. There are many problems in accomplishing this analysis of the new aircraft relating to sizing, equipment installed, design configurations and applicability of data. Discussions [REDACTED] of system capabilities and parameters should provide additional data and other approaches to exploitation and analysis. The result of the conference should be a better assessment of the new systems capabilities. Although the U. S. has always benefited to some extent from such conferences, [REDACTED] have gained more, due primarily to the more extensive analysis accomplished by the U. S.

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DIA 25X1 4. (S) Beginning with the [REDACTED] Aircraft Technical Conference in  
DIA 25X1 October 1966, DIA has attempted to develop a reasonable rationale for  
DIA reduction in length and number of U. S. attendees to [REDACTED] Aircraft  
DIA 25X1 Conferences. It was proposed by the U. S. at last year's conference  
DIA 25X1 that specific problems could be discussed by desk level analysts, as  
DIA 25X1 they arise, rather than requiring a formal [REDACTED] conference. This year,  
DIA 25X1 photographic interpretation problems and some aircraft subsystems have  
DIA 25X1 been profitably discussed at FTD [REDACTED]  
DIA 25X1 [REDACTED] With this accomplished, the proposed [REDACTED] conference can now  
DIA 25X1 be limited to systems discussions with a small number of U. S. attendees.  
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DIA 25X1 5. (C) In 1966, [REDACTED] involved twenty-  
DIA 25X1 four U. S. attendees, participating over a period of three weeks. The  
DIA 25X1 total U. S. attendees for the conference to be held in January 1968, in  
DIA 25X1 [REDACTED] is recommended as no more than thirteen. A formal agenda has  
not been developed but each item will be carefully reviewed and every  
effort made to complete the conference in five days. The following are  
proposed U. S. attendees by agency:

	a. DIA - 2 (Including Head of Delegation)	2	
25X1	b. [REDACTED]		✓
DIA	c. AF - AFNIN - 1; FTD - 5	6	
25X1	d. [REDACTED]	2	
	e. Navy - 1	1	
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6. (U) Pursuant to the reference, DIA recommends that USIB concur in the proposed conference as outlined above.

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